

NH Monthly Interagency Consultation (IAC) Meeting Notes – September 1, 2015

Attendees:

Glenn Davison, Carol Macuch, Linda Dusenberry – NHDOT, Don Cooke – EPA, Chris Scheiner, Colin Lentz – SRPC, Julie Chen, Tim White, Adam Hlasny – SNHPC, Dave Walker – RPC, Dean Williams – CNHRPC, J.B. Mack – SWRPC, Jen Czysz – NRPC, Mary Poesse – NCC, Leigh Levine – FHWA

September Minor Revisions:

Glenn Davison noted that this revision includes 22 projects – a lot because we are at the end of the federal fiscal year and the state received about \$10.5 million in the August redistribution of federal funds. NHDOT is working to obligate funds quickly to avoid lapse. Glenn also thanked everybody for their efforts to successfully process STIP Amendment 1, noting the challenges posed by adopting a new reporting format, and financial constraint requirements for the Ten Year Plan and STIP. Dave Walker was asked if the proposed September Minor Revisions reflected changes made by STIP Amendment 1, and this was verified by Dave and Jen Czysz. Other discussion items as follows:

Bedford-Merrimack 16100 – CAA Code should be ATT ([Corrected in the Revision Report](#))

Keene 16152 – Missing Approved Scope information. ([Corrected in the Revision Report](#))

Manchester 16016 – Needs better description of scope. Missing what kind of project it is. ([Corrected and a copy of project details sent.](#))

Newington-Dover 11238 – Says PE and RW Only under Approved Scope, but lists a Construction phase too. ([Corrected in Revision Report](#))

Pelham 16145 – Should be removed. Town needs to follow-up with NHDOT. ([Removed from Revision Report](#))

Portsmouth 13455 – Missing Approved Scope information. ([Corrected in the Revision Report](#))

Salem-Manchester 14800H – Discussion of impact on Manchester CO Limited Maintenance Plan area. Revision moves GARVEE Debt Service to GARVEE 12, not CMAQ as documented. Decision made that revision would not trigger a conformity determination.

Statewide IMPPP – CAA Code should be exempt/E-10; it wouldn't trigger conformity in Manchester or Nashua CO Limited Maintenance Plan areas. ([Corrected in the Revision Report](#))

Statewide RRRCS – Why is MPO listed as undetermined? Can MPOs be told which MPOs affected? NHDOT can send out reports that include individual projects to MPOs for 2015 and 2016 program.

NHDOT requested a quick turnaround as FMIS is closing on September 15, and funds need to be obligated, some projects are scheduled to advertise soon. MPOs asked to approve by early next week.

Some discussion regarding SRPC Executive Committee not meeting until the 18th, and possible e-mailing options, etc. to allow expedited approval. SNHPC asked when the revised minor revision report will be provided, based on issues identified. NHDOT responded that it will be coming ASAP.

Other:

FHWA asked about Draft Ten Year Plan GACIT Hearings and NHDOT responded that the schedule for the hearings is online now, along with the project listing and supplementary information. The Supplement document posted to the website includes the hearing schedules, and a presentation on the Draft from the August 26th GACIT meeting is also online. There is good information in the Supplement about Tiers, etc. \$50 million in RPC-identified projects is included in the Draft, and a longer-range NHDOT pavement plan (out to 2018) is now also incorporated.

Discuss Next Interagency Meeting – October 8, 2015

For next month, NHDOT suggested, and the group decided to meet in-person at NHDOT at noon. Participants can bring their lunches. NHDOT requested that the meeting include discussion of NHDOT and MPO and RPC TIP Revision Procedures, so MPOs/RPCs were asked to bring theirs with them. The meeting will include discussion of how to coordinate better.

NHDOT also mentioned that there will be another Amendment coming along next month, and that next month's minor revision will be including many changes to programmatic (grouped) projects in the STIP. NHDOT suggested that the October meeting could also include information on how to read and understand NHDOT Project Estimates.

A final question was asked about MPO/RPC presentations at the Ten Year Plan GACIT Hearings. Glenn Davison said that at a minimum, there should be time set aside for MPO/RPC presentations as desired, but he will need to talk to Chris Waszczuk and Bill Watson to find out if such presentations will be included as part of the formal agenda for the Hearings. Glenn was asked to check in on this, and report back to the MPOs/RPCs.

Next meeting (in-person) is confirmed for October 8th, at NHDOT.

Submitted by – Leigh Levine, FHWA NH Division